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DIARY NOTES

25X1 A-DD/A [redacted]

21 July 1953

1. At the Deputies' Meeting I reported that the Senate Appropriations Committee had approved of our budget in the same amount as was approved by the House Appropriations Committee. I suggested to Mr. Dulles that he see Mr. Taber at the earliest possible date to settle our personnel ceiling. However, he thought that it was inadvisable to approach Mr. Taber [redacted]

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25X1 3. I asked Shef Edwards and [redacted] to confer on the case of [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] and stated that I hoped to hear from Eric as to whether or not he wanted to proceed with this case. 25X1

25X1 4. Based on the Comptroller's assurance that we did not need PRC approval 25X1  
for certain alterations at the [redacted] I authorized [redacted] to is-  
sue a work order to take care of [redacted] and the electrical installa-  
tions in the Packing and Crating Section of the Warehouse. The total amount of  
money involved is \$44,448. The work has, in fact, been done already. I told Mr. [redacted] A  
[redacted] that I could not accept as satisfactory his explanation that this work was  
done without proper authorization, inasmuch as the letter from the General Ser- 25X1  
vices Administration specifically stated that they had been requested by [redacted]  
and [redacted] to undertake it as a matter of urgency. They undoubtedly acted in  
good faith and there is no question but that we must pay the bill. I emphasized  
to [redacted] the necessity of avoiding occurrences of this or a similar nature in  
the future.

25X1 5. I told [redacted] that I expected a written memorandum from him request-  
ing authority to purchase certain racks and other equipment for the Records Center.

25X1 6. I talked to [redacted] in general terms about watching very closely the  
expenses involved in altering our new space. I told him that I expected him to  
keep me advised as to these costs and to bring to my attention any cases where he  
believed the alterations being requested were excessive.

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7. Agreed to go to  with Jim Garrison on Thursday and make an "on-the-spot" inspection of the facilities in order to determine what is needed there for an efficient operation.

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